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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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## **FCC ISSUES DECLARATORY RULING REGARDING PRESERVATION OF BROADCASTERS’ “COVERAGE AREA” AND “POPULATION SERVED” IN THE INCENTIVE AUCTION REPACKING PROCESS**

Washington, D.C. –The Federal Communications Commission today adopted a declaratory ruling clarifying how the repacking approach it adopted in the *Incentive Auction Report & Order* meets Congress’s mandate to make all reasonable efforts to independently preserve TV station coverage areas and population served. Given the importance of this issue, the Commission took today’s action to ensure that its approach is fully understood by the public and by broadcasters that could be affected by the repacking that follows the incentive auction.

Action by the Commission September 30, 2014, by Declaratory Ruling (FCC 14-143). Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners Clyburn and Rosenworcel. Commissioners Pai and O’Rielly dissenting and issuing statements.

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